

TOWN OF WEBSTER
Office of Selectmen
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303

4:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting – May 13, 2013 – Work Session

Selectmen present: Chairman Bruce Johnson, Selectman Roy Fanjoy, and Selectman Mason Donovan.

Chairman Johnson advised that the purpose of this meeting was to meet with Copart of Deer Meadow Road to discuss their use of the roads and to discuss any other business that may come before the Select Board.

Chairman Johnson then invited Representative for Copart Larry Stripling and General Manager Jonathan Merrill to join the Board at the table.

Mr. Stripling advised that Copart was requesting input from the Select Board as to what the Board would like regarding some type of lump sum payment or the like to help with road conditions on those roads used by Copart. Mr. Stripling advised that Concord has put up a "No Through Trucking" sign on that portion of Blackwater Road leading to Copart's yard, which Copart had anticipated would be the major route taken to their facility. Copart has been forced to use Webster roads to access their facility, which is not the best solution. Mr. Stripling was not concerned about those weeks the roads were posted for weight limit in the spring. Copart is interested in doing what is in the best interest of the Town saying that Copart is at a hardship impasse. Mr. Stripling advised that Copart has hired an attorney to work with Concord regarding the use of Blackwater Road and was hoping to reach a positive solution. Those Webster roads being used extensively are Clothespin Bridge Road, Corn Hill Road, and Deer Meadow Road. The bridges crossed are posted as "E2". Discussion ensued regarding an engineer study from a reputable firm to review the effects of traffic from Copart. Mr. Stripling advised that he will have to talk to the corporate office for approval and could have an answer within a few days. He also advised that Copart would bear the cost of this service. Chairman Johnson reviewed the list of roads to be included in the study as follows: Deer Meadow Road, Clothespin Bridge Road, Corn Hill Road; Christopher Robert Drive, and the three bridges. Mr. Merrill noted that he would like the study to reflect permanent use of the roads. Chairman Johnson advised that the contacts for this project will be Mr. Merrill for Copart and Selectman Fanjoy for the Town to include input from the Road Agent. Everyone agreed that a bond on the roads was not ideal nor a permanent solution. The final decision was for Mr. Stripling to get pricing for the engineering studies at Copart's expense and report back to the Select Board. Mr. Stripling advised that he will have Deer Meadow Road evaluated first after Mr. Bean advised that the paving to be done there would have to be completed by the end of September.

Mr. Bean gave his Road Agent's report at this time. He has been doing grading of the dirt roads and road-side clean-up. Chairman Johnson inquired about sealing. Mr. Bean advised that the price for this would be the same as last year, and that this will be completed this summer.

Currier & Ives Byway Committee Member John Clark will be asked to contact Mr. Bean regarding the signs planned to go on Battle Street. Mr. Clark had indicated that DOT had already approved the placement, but he will be asked for additional details regarding this. Selectman Donovan highly recommended their signs be placed on existing posts.

A letter of concern regarding the dust on Pleasant Street was received. Mr. Bean advised that he will apply some calcium, and that the dust on the road will be lessened.

Mr. Bean advised that he would like to continue this year's preservation work on Little Hill Road, approximately 1,600' of the remaining 3,200' to be done to which the Board advised that they would defer to Mr. Bean's best judgment. Mr. Bean advised that the State will overlay Battle Street/Rte. 127 from the bridge on Battle Street at White Plains Road to the four corners in Salisbury. The State will also shim Tyler Road.

5:11 pm Selectman Donovan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Johnson and approved.

Bruce G. Johnson, Chairman
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Roy E. Fanjoy

Mason W. Donovan